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SUBJECT: GNU Forms Population Census Council per CPA

¶1. On January 7, Government of National Unity (GNU)
President Omar al-Bashir established the Population
Census Council through Presidential Decree number 2/2006.
As outlined in the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA),
Section 1.8.1 of the power-sharing agreement, this
council will formulate the population census plans,
identify measures and standards for the Central Bureau of
Statistics (CBS), oversee and monitor the preparatory
works for census, and control the enumeration process.
It is responsible for producing periodic reports on its
performance to the Presidency. The presidential decree
establishing the council does not vary from the CPA
requirements.

¶2. Most members of the council were named due to their
positions, as called for in the CPA; four experts
subsequently gained appointments. Representatives from
the National Assembly and the Council of States have yet
to be named. The council membership is as follows, with
political party affiliation noted:

Minister of the Presidency of the Republic, Maj. Gen.
Bakri Hassan Salih (NCP) (former Minister of Defense),
Chair

Minster of Cabinet Affairs, Deng Alor Kuol (SPLM)

Minister of Federal Government, Abdel Basit Salih
Sabdarat (NCP)

Minister of Finance and National Economy, El Zubeir
Mohamed el Hassan (NCP)

Government of Southern Sudan Minister of Finance and
Economic Planning, Arther Akuein Shol (SPLM)

Representative of the National Assembly, TBA

Represntative of the Council of States, TBA

General Director, CBS, Abdul Rahman Mohamed Hassan,
Rapporteur

Executive Director, Southern Sudan Centre for Census,
Statistics and Evaluation (SSCCSE), Luka Deng, Deputy
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